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Shockley Firestone Building
816 St. Louis Street
Springfield
Greene County
Missouri

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Location: Springfield, Greene County, Missouri
Cadastral grid : NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S24, T29N, R22W
USGS quadrangle: Springfield Missouri 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ '
UTM coordinates: 15.474880.4117835
Lot dimensions : 75.3'x 250'
Lot description: Beginning 60' west of the
NW corner of Charles Sheppard's Addition, W 75.3', S 250', E 75.3', North to the beginning

Present Owner: Opal Hart Haskett
Present Usage: tire dealership/shop
Present Condition: good

Overall Dimensions: 72'x 240'
Orientation : north
Architectural Description : Plan type : rectangular with corner drive-through
Foundation: reinforced concrete perimeter walls with concrete slab
Structure : reinforced concrete
Ext. walls: stucco front wall; brick/concrete party and rear walls
Roof: parapeted flat roof with composition covering
Dormers: none
Windows: metal-framed, fixed storefront windows with poured-in-place concrete bulkheads on front facade
Porches: covered drive-through in northwest corner
Details: decorative parapet with mission-tiled coping; engaged finials and diamond-framed emblem: "S"

Construction Date: 1926
Architecture Style: Commercial/Mission Revival
Statement of Significance: A Commercial Style concrete box with Mission Revival parapet detailing, this early commercial building was the first in what would be a series of commercial structures along the 800-900 blocks of St. Louis Street. The area had originally been built as a row of urban farmsteads on the fringe of fledgling Springfield, later a neighborhood made up of large Victorian houses on oversized lawns, and finally, after erection of this building, it has turned into a commercial highway district. One of two remaining 1920s commercial structures in the district, the building has been expanded twice by single-story rear additions and altered by the infill of the central bay from an open service area into showroom space and painting of the polychrome front facade into a uniform white.

References: 1910 and 1933 Sanborn Insurance Maps
Tax Records, Greene County Assessor's Office, Springfield Missouri
"Historic Inventory," Missouri SHPO, prepared by David Quick, SMSU

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